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SUBJECT: COTTON TEXTILES

REF: A) STATE 52367

B) PARIS 7336

C) PARIS 10468

1. EMBASSY OFFICER SHOULD CALL AT PRC EMBASSY AND
ORALLY MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) WE ARE STUDYING THE MEMORANDUM PRESENTED BY THE PRC
ON APRIL 13 IN RESPONSE TO THE US MEMORANDUM ON COTTON
TEXTILES PRESENTED ON MARCH 22;

(B) WE CONTINUE TO ADHERE TO THE STATEMENT IN THE JOINT
COMMUNIQUE OF FEBRUARY 28, 1972 THAT WE VIEW BILATERAL
TRADE AS ANOTHER AREA FROM WHICH MUTUAL BENEFIT CAN BE
DERIVED, AGREE THAT ECONOMIC RELATIONS BASED ON
EQUALITY AND MUTUAL BENEFIT ARE IN THE INTEREST OF THE
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PEOPLES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES AND AGREE TO FACILITATE
THE PROGRESSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE BETWEEN OUR TWO
COUNTRIES;

(C) THE FACILITATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE WILL
REQUIRE THAT WE REQUEST THE COOPERATION OF THE CHINESE
SIDE FROM TIME TO TIME;

(D) THE USG HAS NO INTENTION OF DISCRIMINATING AGAINST
THE PRC BUT IT DOES HAVE EQUITY OBLIGATIONS TO OTHER
TRADING PARTNERS;

(E) THE MEMORANDUM OF MARCH 22 WAS INTENDED TO
IDENTIFY A PROBLEM WHICH IS DEVELOPING;

(F) WE ARE NOT ASKING THE PRC TO TAKE ANY ACTION AT THIS
TIME;

(G) WE SUGGEST THAT QUESTIONS INVOLVED BE DISCUSSED IN
WASHINGTON AFTER THE PRC LIAISON OFFICE IS ESTABLISHED.

2. FYI: WE BELIEVE THAT FURTHER WRITTEN EXPLANATIONS
AT THIS TIME WOULD RISK ADDITIONAL MISUNDERSTANDING OF
THE ISSUE AND USG INTENTIONS.

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